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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

VOICE OF THE ARCTIC IÑUPIAT,

Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00136-SLG

CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00142-SLG

NORTH SLOPE EXPLORATION, LLC, et
al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00143-SLG

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

and

ALASKA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION,

Intervenor-Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00144-SLG

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH,

Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00145-SLG

JOINT STATUS REPORT

These cases challenge a Final Rule titled “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.” *See* 89 Fed. Reg. 38,712 (May 7, 2024) (the “NPR-A Rule”). While these cases were pending, Defendants issued notice of a proposed rule to rescind the NPR-A Rule. *See* 90 Fed. Reg. 23507 (June 3, 2025). Based on the unopposed joint motion by Plaintiffs, Intervenor-Plaintiff, and Defendants, further proceedings in all the cases have all been stayed, subject to submission of a joint status report within 30 days after completion of the rulemaking process or within 60 days after close of the public comment period on the proposed rule. *See* Text Order, Dkt. 44 (Case No. 3:24-cv-00136-SLG).

The 60-day public comment period ended August 4, 2025. The Department is in the process of reviewing and responding to public comments and preparing the final rule. While there are still additional steps to be completed, the Department anticipates that a final rule will be published to the Federal Register within 60 days, assuming there is no lapse in appropriations.

In light of the foregoing, Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Intervenor-Plaintiff respectfully request that the Court maintain the current stay of proceedings pending a further joint status report to be filed not later than November 21, 2025, or within 10 days of the issuance of a final rule. Counsel have conferred, and the Intervenor-Defendants in the above captioned cases take no position on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: September 30, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 30, 2025, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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